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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director
Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Inspector General


FROM: R. E. Hineman
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Topics for Transition Team Papers

1. On 23 September the ExCom will be meeting to discuss how the Agency should prepare for the transition to a new administration. In response to a request from the Executive Director, I met with senior officials from each directorate and several independent offices to select topics on which we may want to prepare papers for the DCI to use in discussions with new Executive and Legislative Branch officials.

2. Attached for your review and our discussion at the ExCom meeting is a list of topics which resulted from those meetings. We tried to focus on topics which were broad in scope and fundamental to our business. We intentionally excluded substantive intelligence topics because the Directorate of Intelligence is already managing that effort. We also excluded topics which pertained primarily to a single office or directorate.

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Topics for Transition Team

1. The Policy Process. How the Agency fits into the policy process and is represented at National Security Council (NSC), Policy Review Group (PRG), and Policy Coordination Group (PCG) levels.

2. Relations with Congress. How we interact with Congress, what information is shared with or provided to oversight committees, how we notify Congress of covert actions, our position on legislation coming up early in the next Congress, Congressional attitudes toward CIA programs.

3. Resources. How CIA gets its funding, how it fits into the overall defense budget, the impact of federal budget reductions on CIA activities, where CIA stands regarding financial and personnel resources, what we would do if we had more resources.

4. Operating Overseas. How CIA is coping with the decline in the value of the dollar, the growing threat to the personal safety, the increasing requirements for installing and maintaining sophisticated and expensive security and communications equipment, the reluctance of State Department to participate in protecting US overseas facilities from hostile penetration.

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5. Covert Action. Who thinks it up, how proposals are vetted, how programs are funded, key programs whose future is uncertain, successes and pitfalls of particular types of programs.

6. Counterintelligence. Our current expanded effort in the CI area, including recent Community and Agency organizational changes, reasons for the expanded effort, long-range plans for keeping the Intelligence Community focused on the problem.

7. Counternarcotics. How we fit into the government's counternarcotics program, what activities we currently are engaged in, what our long-term plan is for helping the government's anti-drug programs, how this plan fits into CIA's basic intelligence production mission, concerns about law enforcement issues.

8. Law Enforcement Issues. The relationships between CIA and DoJ, Agency assistance to law enforcement agencies, the role of the Agency in criminal proceedings, the use of intelligence in law enforcement (especially in counternarcotics and counterterrorism).

9. Controlling Classified Information. How the Agency tries to protect its sources and methods. Look at compartmentation, pre-publication review, leaks, the use of the polygraph, and policies on providing access to Executive and Legislative Branch officials.

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